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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND TRACT SOCIETY,

MAY 26, 1819.

BRETHREN,

IT is with much satisfaction, that the executive Committee have this opportunity to submit to the Members and Patrons of the New England Tract Society, their Fifth Annual Report. In commencing this service, they would render thanks to the Authour of all good, that their efforts have been so far crowned with his blessing. To his gracious providence, their success should be ascribed. By his favor, the operations of the Society were at first commenced with pleasing prospects of extensive usefulness: and these prospects still animate the Committee.

During the past year, the Committee have published 258,000 Tracts. They have added ten new Tracts; so that their whole series now embraces *one hundred and two Numbers.*

In the four preceding years, there were published 1,613,000 Tracts. The whole amount published in five years 1,871,000.

The committee feel happy in stating that the establishment is rising. Its concerns are prosperous. The number of Depositaries in different parts of the United States is increasing. New orders for Tracts are received from distant parts of our country. Tract Societies have been formed, and are forming in various

places; and many individuals manifest a commendable zeal to purchase and distribute Tracts. By these means, the interest of the Society is promoted; though not to the extent which is desirable. A larger capital is needed to enable the committee to prosecute the business to the best advantage. It must be evident to every Member and Friend of the Society that a large quantity of Tracts must constantly be kept on hand, in order to meet the wishes and expectations of those who would purchase. The series must also be increased by publishing new Tracts, or the interest and operations of the Society cannot continue in the progressive state, which must be desired by every friend to the cause. The funds of the Society must therefore be enlarged. And the Committee entertain no doubt but that this may be easily done. Thousands are ready to afford, in various ways, their aid; as opportunity shall present. And by the requisite support, this establishment may soon perform no inconsiderable part in disseminating Divine knowledge, and promoting good morals. Impressed with these considerations, the Committee would suggest the following measures for aiding this Society.

One is a more general and extensive formation of Tract Societies. Cannot this be accomplishsd with much ease? May not a Tract Society be formed in almost every town, or parish, or village? Would not such a Society be advantageously connected with every Sabbath School? These Societies, with little exertion, might annually collect twice as much money, as they would wish to expend in Tracts for their own use, or to distribute in their immediate vicinity. Having procured a sufficiency for these purposes, they might transmit their surplus monies to the Treasurer of this Society. This would enable the Committee to enlarge the sphere of their operations; and to answer some pressing calls for Tracts, which they have hitherto been obliged to deny. It would also exceedingly facilitate

the circulation of Tracts, wherever such Societies are formed.

Another measure, is an increase of the funds of the Society, by donations and legacies. These, of different sums, might be easily made by a great proportion of our fellow citizens. Who cannot contribute something to this Society, without diminishing his contributions to other charitable objects? If necessary, might not a little more economy be practised for this purpose? And would not such charity be profitably bestowed? Without disparaging other charities, may it not be said that peculiar advantages attend the circulation of religious Tracts? Much is here done by small sums. And consequently it is in the power of many to promote this design more effectually than they could some other design. And here the affluent may at once put a mighty engine in motion. With a few thousand dollars, the influence of the New England Tract society might soon be extended, with great effect, from Maine to Florida, and from the shores of the Atlantic to unknown limits in the West.

A third measure is the general circulation of Tracts. This must chiefly devolve on the christian community. To publish Tracts, and superintend the general agency of the business, will sufficiently occupy the time and attention of the executive Committee. Nor can they so well distribute Tracts in the various places, where they are needed, as persons living in those places. They have neither the knowledge nor the means of doing it so advantageously. But, in every district of our country, there are those who can do it. By a little inquiry, they can ascertain what Tracts are most needed, and where they will be most likely to do good; and then distribute accordingly. How many of these "winged messengers," may thus be put in motion in different directions? Who is unable to give them circulation? Even ten cents will purchase 100 pages, or ten Tracts of different sizes. With a dollar, 1,000

pages, or 100 small Tracts may be purchased. A hundred Tracts might be read, or heard read, by more than a thousand persons, and be blessed as a means of their salvation. Let a person devote $100 to this object; and the interest of this sum would annually circulate 600 Tracts among thousands who are perishing for lack of knowledge. This is surely no trifling method of doing good. Who can think it beneath his attention?

In the circulation of Tracts, persons of different occupations may conveniently and successfully engage.

This may be done by ministers of the gospel. What minister will not find it a pleasant thing to circulate Tracts among his people. It may give more interest to his pastoral visits, to distribute these as he goes from house to house. Impressions made by his conversation may be increased by the perusal of a Tract after he retires. In this way, he may much gain the affection, and promote the improvement of children and young persons. Tracts, in some cases, he may give as presents; and, in others, as small premiums. Some of various kinds, may be loaned and returned; and thus supply the want of other books, among those who are unable to purchase them. How many might thus derive great and lasting benefit from a few dollars' worth of Tracts? And how much would a minister feel himself assisted and encouraged in his labours?

In numerous places, destitute of ministers, there are active christians, and persons of benevolence, who can engage in this business. Every person of this description, by procuring and distributing Tracts, may enjoy the privilege of doing great good to his fellow men. He may be the instrument of reforming the vicious, enlightening the ignorant, and directing the lost and perishing to the Lamb of God for salvation. How much may an active female accomplish in the circle of her acquaintance, and especially among the rising genera-

tion, by these means of instruction and improvement? What mode of doing good is more congenial to the female mind; more delightful to the daughters of Zion? By their affectionate kindness, by their familiar and pleasant remarks, they may have more influence than the other sex, in engaging the attention, and impressing the minds of young persons, as they put religious tracts into their hands.

In schools, there is good opportunity to distribute Tracts. Every teacher might well bestow them as rewards for punctual attendance, diligence in study, and good behaviour. While this excited a spirit of improvement in youth, it would also convey many Tracts into families, where they would be read with peculiar interest, and be likely to produce very pleasing effects. This mode of distributing Tracts claims the attention of Tract Societies, and benevolent individuals. These could easily furnish teachers with a sufficiency for distribution in schools. In prosecuting journeys, the pious and benevolent might scatter much of this precious seed; which, by the Divine blessing, would yield an immortal harvest. A Tract given by a stranger, and accompanied with a serious, friendly remark, might excite much attention in the receiver, and be blessed to his everlasting good. Who knows what immense benefit this kind of charity may produce? It is not confined to the individual who receives a Tract from a friendly stranger; but he wishes others to read what has been so useful to him; and he is anxious to fix their attention on the things of their future peace. And thus, by the blessing of God, the influence of a single Tract is felt through a circle of immortal beings, and extends to generations unborn.

In such benevolent designs, the Committee would not only animate the members of this Society to renewed exertions: but also earnestly solicit the generous and efficient cooperation of the liberal and affluent in different parts of our country.

Brethren and Friends:

The number engaged in this good work is an animating consideration. Among the Tract Societies of the present period, the religious Tract Society in London holds the foremost rank. This was established in 1799. In 1813, this Society had distributed seventeen millions of Tracts. In each year since, the average number circulated is said to be about three millions. In the year ending May 1817, it was three millions and a half. The whole number of Tracts distributed by this Society is thought to exceed thirty two millions. These Tracts have been printed in fourteen different languages, besides the English, viz. Welsh, Irish, Manks, Gaelick, French, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Danish, Finnish, Russian, Calmuck, and Chinese. This Society has 124 Auxiliaries within the limits of England. By its influence and aid, it has been instrumental of forming, in various parts of Europe, many Societies on principles similar to its own; i. e. making them fountains, from which small streams might receive a constant supply. Such are the Societies in Stockholm, Hanover, Berlin, Sleswick, Holstein, Elberfield, Stuttgard, Nurenberg, Frankfort, Nauweid, Koningsfield, Basle, Zurich, Berne, St. Gall, Scaffhausen, Lausanne, and Piedmont among the Waldenses; also at different places in Italy, Russia, and Finland. Some of the smallest of these Societies have published from fifty to one hundred thousand Tracts. Others have done much more. The Society at Stockholm, which was established in 1809, during the four first years of its formation, printed Tracts in the Swedish, Finnish, and Lapanese languages; and circulated in the same period, upwards of 400,000. It has since circulated several times that number.

The Church of England Tract Society, established at Bristol, in 1811, promises much for the cause. It has Auxiliaries in different parts of England and Ireland, and in several of the British Provinces.

The Liverpool religious Tract Society has distributed, in two years and a half, upwards of 622,000 Tracts.

In the United States, there is a sister Society, whose exertions in the common cause are highly commendable. This is the New York Tract Society. It was formed in 1810. During the year 1815, it distributed 35,600 Tracts, including the number sold to other Societies. According to the sixth annual Report, the whole number of Tracts then published was 493,586. During every succeeding year, the number of Tracts published, has increased; and the prospect is, that in a few years, some hundred thousands will be annually published by this Society. Some of their Tracts are in the Spanish and French languages. Their English series contains 62 numbers; the Spanish four; and the French one. These have been distributed among the French and Spanish in our own country; in the West Indies; and some in South America.

The Committee believe that many thousands of Tracts have been published, in the United States, by smaller Societies and benevolent individuals; but they are not able to specify the particulars for want of information.

How many are engaged in this noble enterprize? And how cheering is the prospect of success? Shall not your breast glow with love and zeal; and your hand abound in liberality?

The good effected is another animating consideration. The beneficial effects of circulating Tracts can be known but very imperfectly in this world. The light of eternity must show how many have been converted from the error of their ways; or have been quickened in their christian course; or edified in the faith of the gospel, by these silent monitors. They have vast influence, where saving effects are not produced, in ameliorating the condition of families and nations. Mrs. Hannah More, it is supposed, has done more for the preservation of England, by her cheap repository

Tracts, than the celebrated Nelson had done, as a Naval Commander, by all his splendid achievments. "No works tended more to counteract the delusive and irreligious spirit of the French revolution," than these above mentioned from her pen. And wherever her Tracts and others of a similar kind are circulated, they must tend to check the progress of error, to suppress vice and irreligion, and to counteract efforts to destroy civil and religious order. Their influence on the rising generation is incalculable. They take the attention and guide the youthful mind to a profitable course of reading and reflection. They both amuse and instruct. Divine truth, when conveyed by interesting narrative or striking incidents, takes faster hold of the mind, is more easily retained, and has greater effect.

We have many accounts of hopeful conversions, which are to be traced to these small vehicles of truth as the means. A relation of them would much enrich the present report. But your Committee will content themselves with relating only one instance, which has lately occurred in New England, and which, it is believed, has not been published.

As a respectable Physician, who had long been an avowed infidel, was reading the Tract entitled *The praying Negro*, he was led to reflect that he possessed a very different temper from this pious person. When *he* was injured he was disposed to seek revenge; but this *pious person*, when injured, found relief in prayer to God. This produced a conviction of his sinfulness, guilt, and danger. He saw no hope of salvation by his own works; but felt himself a lost sinner. What then could he do, but look to that Saviour, whom he had so long rejected, as not worthy his regard. By faith in him, he obtained peace and comfort. He then collected his deistical books at home, and those which he had lent to his neighbours, and committed them to the flames. He found the Bible infinitely better. Recollecting one night that one of these books was lent

to his Minister, he knew not how to sleep till it was burned; but as the night was dark and stormy, he concluded to wait till morning. Then neither the severity of the storm, nor the infirmities of his age prevented the execution of his purpose. When he asked for the book, the Minister was fearful that he might still doubt the truth and inspiration of the Scriptures, and so wish to read this book again. This had been his favourite authour. But no sooner was it returned, than, with much emphasis, he said, "In the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and these witnesses, I now solemnly renounce all the errors contained in this book." He then cast it into the fire.—He since warns with much affection and faithfulness, those whom he had before led astray, and intreats them to renounce their errors and embrace the Saviour. His exertions are not in vain. Christians are animated, and sinners alarmed.

Does a single Tract produce such effects? and who is willing to be inactive? Who can withhold his aid?

Much remains to be done. This is another motive to liberal exertion. The work is still in its commencement; but little of its blessed fruits is yet seen. Still it is seed time; and the full harvest is yet to come. But the field is large; and with due cultivation, it promises a very rich harvest. *He that soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully.*

Lift up your eyes and behold the prospect before you. See the thousands and millions that need to be enlightened and turned to the Lord. Let their condition awaken your compassion, and rouse you to action. Never relax, but rather increase your exertions, until the whole land is filled with Divine knowledge, and righteousness, and peace.

JEDEDIAH MORSE, *Chairman of the Exc. Comm. of the New Eng. Tract Society.*

APPENDIX.

Officers of the New England Tract Society, elected May 1819.

HON. WILLIAM REED, *President.*
REV. JEDEDIAH MORSE, D. D. *V. President.*
REV. JOHN CODMAN, *Cor. Secretary.*
REV. JOSHUA HUNTINGTON, *Recording Sec.*
AMOS BLANCHARD, ESQ. *Treasurer.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

REV. JEDEDIAH MORSE.
REV. JOHN H. CHURCH.
REV. JUSTIN EDWARDS.
REV. JOHN CODMAN.
AMOS BLANCHARD ESQ.

At the next annual meeting, an Address is to be delivered to the Society, on the evening of the last Wednesday in May, 1820, in the Old South Church in Boston, by the HON. WILLIAM REED, or the REV. PROFESSOR STUART.

LIFE MEMBERS OF
THE NEW ENGLAND TRACT SOCIETY.

Rev.	Jedediah Morse, D.D. - - -	$120
	Henry Gray, Esq. - - - -	60
	William Ropes, Esq. - - -	120
	Samuel H. Walley, Esq. - -	60
Messrs.	Homes & Homer - - - -	120
Rev.	Joshua Huntington - - -	120
Mr.	Samuel T. Armstrong - - -	60
	Daniel Chute, Esq. - - -	30

	Amount brought up - - -	$690
Dr.	Abner Phelps - - - -	30
Hon.	Nehemiah Cleaveland - - -	20
	Thomas M. Clarke, Esq. - -	20
Mr.	Timothy Ballard - - - -	60
Mr.	Eliphalet Kimball - - - -	120
Capt.	Andrew Haraden - - - -	100
Mr.	James Brown - - - -	120
Mrs.	Elizabeth Bartlet - - - -	120
	Robert Rantoul, Esq. - - -	20
	James King, Esq. - - -	120
Mr.	Benjamin T. Reed - - -	100
	William Hooper, Esq. - - -	120
Mrs.	Polly Hooper - - - -	60
Mr.	Samuel Adams - - - -	20
Mr.	Henry Whipple - - - -	60
Mr.	Ebenezer Seccomb - - -	40
Mr.	Fitch Pool - - - - -	20
	William Burley, Esq. - - -	120
Mr.	John Jenks - - - - -	120
Hon.	Nathaniel Hooper - - -	60
Hon.	William Reed - - - -	60
	Ebenezer Beckford, Esq. - -	20
	Samuel Farrar, Esq. - - -	120
Mr.	John Adams - - - -	40
Mr.	Amos Blanchard - - - -	40
Messrs.	Flagg & Gould - - - -	40
	Moses Brown, Esq. - - -	40
Mr.	Ebenezer Wheelright - - -	20
Rev.	Daniel Dana, D.D. - - -	20
Mr.	James Kimball - - - -	20
Rev.	Justin Edwards - - - -	20
Rev.	Ebenezer Porter, D.D. - -	20
Mr.	William Foster - - - -	20
	John Pearson, Esq. - - -	30
	William Thurston Esq. - - -	20
	Aux. Tract Soc. of Theol. Inst. Andover	60
Rev.	John Codman - - - -	80

	Amount brought up	$2,811
	William Bartlet, Esq.	275
Mr.	Henry Homes	180
Rev.	John H. Church	20
Hon.	William Hall, Esq.	20
Rev.	Leonard Woods, D.D.	20
Mr.	Edward H. Cobb	150
Dr.	Thaddeus Pomeroy	20
Mr.	Jonathan Howe	20
Rev.	Edward Payson	84
	Alfred Hennen, Esq.	20
Mr.	William Harris	20
Rev.	Ebenezer Kellogg	90
Rev.	David Oliphant	41
		3,771

NOTE. All friends to the Society are requested to use their influence to increase *the life members*, and also the annual subscribers.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

The executive Committee much regret, that they cannot announce, officially, how many Tract Societies are auxiliary to the New England Tract Society. They would be gratified to present a list of them in their annual Report; and, for this purpose, request official returns from them by the first of May next, if not sooner, addressed, free of Expense, to Rev. John Codman, Corresponding Secretary, Dorchester, Mass., or to Rev. Justin Edwards, Clerk of the Executive Committee, Andover. It is wished that the preceding Report may be communicated to all Societies as well as individuals, that would, in any way, act as auxiliaries to the New England Tract Society, and that they would afford all the aid in their power. For the above pur-

pose, copies of this report will be forwarded to the Officers of such Societies, so far as they are known. Whatever remittances these Societies can make, agreeably to a suggestion in the Report, will be gratefully received, and will much contribute to enlarge and facilitate the operations of the New England Tract Society. As this Society has been obliged to contract some debts for paper and printing, which ought to be soon discharged, such remittances will be very acceptable, and of great utility to the establishment.

Donations and collections in aid of the Society, are also solicited by the Committee.

It is requested that interesting information respecting the distribution or utility of Tracts may be given to the Secretary or Clerk abovenamed, or any member of the Committee.

Thinking it may be a convenience to some who wish to form an auxiliary Society, the Committee take the liberty to add the outlines of a Constitution which may be varied according to circumstances.

RESOLUTIONS

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

1. That the object of the New England Tract Society has the cordial approbation of this meeting.

2. That a Society be formed, to be called the Auxiliary Tract Society of——for the purpose of promoting the circulation of moral and religious Tracts in this vicinity, and of aiding the New England Tract Society in the extensive distribution of Tracts through the most destitute parts of the United States, and of the continent of America.

3. That one third [or one fourth] of the funds of this Society, be annually transmitted to the Treasurer of the New England Tract Society, to aid the Executive Committee in the gratuitous circulation of Tracts in destitute places.

4. That one fourth of the annual subscriptions, to-

gether with the whole of the donations, be at the disposal of the Committee of the Auxiliary Society, to purchase Tracts for local distribution, and to apply the surplus, (if any,) in aid of the New England Tract Society.

5. That each subscriber of —— per week, or —— a year, be a member.

7. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a Committee, consisting of —— members, together with the Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be annually chosen.

8. That the Society appoint a Depositary of their Tracts, and a Collector.

9. That the members be requested to communicate such instances of usefulness as may have come within their knowledge; the most interesting of which shall be annually communicated to the Executive Committee of the New England Tract Society.

Particular attention, it is hoped, will be given to the 2d, 3d, and 9th articles of the plan above suggested.—This plan is proposed in compliance with the wishes of many, who have found some difficulty in forming a constitution for Auxiliary Societies. The plan is only proposed for consideration, and is subject to modification, as circumstances require. Those Societies which have already adopted a constitution, can make what additions to it they judge proper.

The Executive Committee request that particular information may be given to them, of the existence and formation of every Auxiliary Tract Society, of the number of subscribers, the amount of contributions, the manner in which they circulate their Tracts, and their views as to the more distant objects which the general Society should endeavour to promote.

DEPOSITORIES.

FLAGG & GOULD, GENERAL AGENTS, *Andover, Mass.*

Lincoln & Edmunds,	*Boston, Mass.*
Henry Whipple,	*Salem, Mass.*
Charles Whipple,	*Newburyport, Mass.*
Nathan Coolidge,	*Windsor, Vt.*
William Hyde,	*Portland, Me.*
Zina Hyde,	*Bath, Me.*
Harrison Gray,	*Portsmouth, N. H.*
Nathan S. S. Beeman,	*Sparta, Geo.*
Lambert Lockwood,	*Bridgport, Conn.*
Rev. Robert G. Wilson,	*Chillicothe, Ohio.*
Nathan Whiting,	*New-Haven, Conn.*
John Johnson,	*Providence, R. I.*
Richard Pearce,	*Natches, Miss.*
Rev. Calvin Hitchcock,	*Newport, R. I.*
S. Smith,	*Hanover, N. H.*
Daniel Pike,	*Bangor, Me.*
Elisha Stearns,	*Tolland, Conn.*
P. W. Gallaudet,	*New-York.*
Abijah Kingsbury,	*Keene, N. H.*
Rev. William Jackson,	*Dorset, Vt.*
Richard Boylston,	*Amherst, N. H.*
Rev. Collin M'Ivre,	*Fayetteville, Ohio.*
Ebenezer Phelps,	*Northampton, Mass.*
Rev. A. W. Lealand,	*Charleston, S. C.*
E. P. Walton,	*Montpelier, Vt.*
Francis Burnap,	*Middlebury, Vt.*
Alexander Graham,	*Bowling-Green, Ken.*
S. Wells,	*Greenfield, Mass.*
Thomas L. Paine,	*Cincinnati, Ohio.*

Rev. David M. Smith,	*Lewiston, N. Y.*
Horace Janes,	*St. Albans, Vt.*
Merrill & Hastings,	*Utica, N. Y.*
M. Haliburton,	*Exeter, N. H.*
S. Kimball,	*Concord, N. H.*
Jacob Scales,	*Theol. Inst. Andover.*
Rev. David A. Sherman,	*Knoxville, Ten.*
Fisher Howe,	*Haverhill, Mass.*
James R. Woodbridge,	*Hartford, Conn.*
Rev. Robert Hubbard,	*Angelica, N. Y.*
Rev. James Lawrie,	*Washington, Col.*

All Ministers of the Gospel and others who are particularly interested in this Society are requested to furnish for some periodical publication, at least two pieces in a year, *on the utility of distributing Tracts.* They can point out in them what Tracts appear to them the most excellent, and what things in those tracts are most interesting; state important facts, and give such information as will best promote the object.

These pieces can be longer, or shorter, as time and other circumstances will permit.

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45. No Life pleasing to God, but that which is useful to Mankind ; an Eastern story—The Art of Happiness—A New Year's Song 8
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47. To the Afflicted—The Day of Judgment, or the grand Reckoning 8
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SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW ENGLAND TRACT SOCIETY,

MAY, 1821.

With gratitude to God for his continued smiles upon the New England Tract Society; and with devout acknowledgement of him, to whom they are indebted for all its prosperity, The Executive Committee present their Seventh Annual Report. It will be recollected, by those who heard the last Report, that, in consequence of the embarrassed state of the funds, and the numerous calls for Tracts, which the Committee were unable to satisfy, they had appointed Mr. Louis Dwight, as an Agent, to travel through various parts of the country, and solicit donations, to increase the funds, and extend the operation of the Society.

He was commissioned for the term of one year. As that term had not expired at the last annual meeting, a report of his agency was deferred to this time.

Mr. D. commenced his labours in Andover, and before leaving that place, obtained about $400. He then visited Boston; where he obtained about $1200. He also obtained two loans, of $500 each, without in-

terest, for one year. He then visited Salem, and Newburyport; and from those places obtained about $600. He also obtained, in Newburyport, a loan of $1000, without interest, for one year. He then prepared the "History of Tracts," which forms No. 104 of the Series. 14000 copies of this Tract have been published: and have been the means of exciting much interest, in the objects of the Society.

He then visited various places in Newhampshire, Maine, Mass., Rhode Island, Conn., Vermont, Canada, and New-York. Wherever he went, the blessing of God seemed to attend him. He was received with kindness—peculiar interest was excited in the objects of this Society, and his labors were crowned with success. In addition to obtaining donations, he was instrumental in increasing the number of Depositories and extending the circulation of Tracts. He formed numerous Tract Societies, and greatly increased and strengthened many which were already formed. He also addressed letters to hundreds of persons whom he was not able to see, and made known the object and the wants of this Society.

More than 100 persons since the commencement of his agency, and 87 of them during the last year, have become Life Members of the Society. 78 of these are ministers of the Gospel—and 72 of them have been made Life Members by benevolent individuals, or societies in their respective parishes; a great proportion of them by Females, whose lively interest in the objects of this Society, and whose benevolent efforts for its prosperity, shall be told to all generations, for a memoral of them.

The whole amount of monies received by the Treasurer, since the commencement of Mr. Dwight's agency is $4,137,17. And the general agents have received during the last year, $2,522.

By this assistance, which the Committee would acknowledge with gratitude to the Father of mercies,

they have been enabled to prosecute the objects of the Society, with increasing energy and effect.

They have published, since the last annual meeting, 78 numbers of Tracts. 27 of these were new Tracts: and constitute a whole volume. This makes six volumes published by the Society, in seven years. And of a large portion of the numbers there have been several editions.

Of each of the numbers, published the last year, there have been 6000 copies; making the number of Tracts published, since the last annual meeting, 468,000—And the number published by the Society in 7 years, 2,708,000.

The Committee have also procured another Tract to be published, and one of a different kind from what they have ever published, before. It is a Tract of 48 pages, made up principally of facts, relative to the present state of the world, with a Calendar or astronomical Diary prefixed to it. It is entitled, "The Christian Almanac." The Committee were informed by a company of respectable printers that they would print, and circulate such a tract, provided the committee would furnish the copy, and that they would devote the avails to the New England Tract Society. The Committee therefore furnished the copy. And, although it was late in the season before it was published, yet through the laudable exertions of the printers, and the numerous friends of the Tract Society, there has been a circulation of more than 14,000 copies. And although the Committee are not able to state the sum, yet they believe that something valuable will accrue from this measure to the funds of the Society.

The Committee are now preparing another copy of a similar Tract, which they hope will be still more worthy of the public patronage; and which they intend soon to publish.

It will contain in addition to all that is valuable in other Astronomical Diaries, a great collection of facts,

relative to the present state of christian, and heathen countries; and a condensed view of all the benevolent Societies, and their operations for evangelizing the world. It will also contain useful directions to farmers, mechanics, and all descriptions of persons, and will be a truly valuable little manual for every family throughout the country. And from the many inquiries made from various parts of the country concerning this Tract (in consequence of the one published the last year) the Committee cannot but expect that the circulation of it will be extensive. They intend, if there should continue to be a call for such a Tract, to print one of this kind, in a year, and to number them in a separate series. In seven years, they will make a volume, which may be bound, and which will conform in size and appearance to the other volumes of Tracts.

The Committee have also procured 1,000 sets of the five first volumes of Tracts, to be bound; and two hundred sets of the last volume; that all who wish, may be supplied with complete sets. These volumes contain each, about 300 pages. They are bound in strong and neat full binding; gilt and lettered; and sold at fifty cents a volume.

And the Committee cannot but view it as exceedingly desirable that a complete set of Tracts should be possessed by every family.

Few books, if any, beside the Bible, contain, within the same compass, so much moral, and religious truth. Few, if any, present it in such an interesting and impressive form; and few are calculated to be so useful, especially to the young. Some of the most benevolent, active persons now on the stage, attribute their first serious impressions, to the reading of Tracts, in childhood.

In what way can a parent lay out three dollars for his children to greater advantage; or with a greater prospect of promoting their salvation, than in furnishing them with six volumes of Tracts--containing no

less than 1800 pages, of the most interesting instruction, and in the very form, in which it has already been blessed, to the salvation of thousands?

The Committee have also established during the past year fourteen new Depositories: 1 at Montreal, in Lower Canada—5 in the state of New York—2 in the Michigan territory—1 in the state of Ohio—2 in Virginia—1 in the District of Columbia—and 2 in North Carolina.

The whole number of Depositories now belonging to the Society is seventy one; viz. 10 in Mass. 6 in Maine, 7 in N. Hampshire, 5 in Vermont, 6 in Conn. 1 in Rhode Island, 14 in N. York, 5 in Virginia, 2 in the District of Columbia, 4 in North Carolina, 3 in Ohio, 1 in Kentucky, 1 in Tennessee, 1 in Georgia, 1 in Mississippi, 1 in Missouri, 2 in the Michigan Territory, and 1 in Lower Canada.

Each of these Depositories is under the care of an agent, appointed by the Committee, who receives the Tracts, becomes responsible for them, and when they are sold, returns the money, and receives a new supply of Tracts. Every Agent is entitled to 10 per cent upon all the Tracts which he sells; and is at liberty, if he chooses, at the close of his agency, to return all Tracts which remain unsold. Each Depository supplies numerous Tract Societies, and individuals, with Tracts at one mill a page, for their own use, and gratuitous distribution.

Thus the Society has 71 fountains, each of which is supplying numerous streams, which are continually, and in every direction, carrying the waters of life over many a barren desert.

Weary pilgrims who are traversing those deserts, and perishing with thirst, are by hundreds, daily meeting with these waters—they drink, and are refreshed. They are strengthened—and many of them will *never* thirst. The water which they receive, will be in them, "a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

It must be evident however to all, that these Depositories must be kept constantly supplied; and to meet the numerous calls which are made upon them for Tracts, it is important that they should be supplied with all the variety which the Society have published; and in such quantities, that they will not need to send to the General Depository, oftener than once a year. This will lessen the trouble of Agents—lessen the expense of transportation, and at the same time give greater encouragement to purchasers. It will enable Agents to meet promptly every demand, to afford the greatest variety, and at the least expense.

But if any Depository is not able promptly to meet the demand for Tracts, those who wish to distribute them are discouraged, and their efforts will cease. And if you urge others to form Tract Societies, you are immediately met by the objection, "If we do, we cannot obtain Tracts." And some important Tract Societies have actually been dissolved, and many more have been rendered almost useless, on account of the difficulty of obtaining Tracts. They have sent to the nearest Depository, at the distance of 20, and perhaps 40 miles, and have, from time to time been disappointed, until their efforts have ceased. And the Committee are becoming every year more and more impressed with the necessity of having every depository constantly supplied. This, like energy at the seat of life, will promote circulation throughout all the surrounding region.

But in order to afford this supply, the *General Depository* must be kept constantly full. If there is a want here, it will be felt to the extremities of the system. An Agent, for instance, applies to have the Depository replenished, at St. Louis. He may have formed numerous Tract Societies, and with much trouble to himself, have raised monies, but if he cannot obtain Tracts, he is discouraged—all his efforts are palsied, and the system of efforts which he has put in operation, will, in a short time, stop. At the same time there are

calls upon the Depository from various other places, and if they cannot be promptly supplied, the effect on them is the same. The system then cannot go forward with energy and effect, unless the General Depository be kept constantly full. This is the fountain which must supply all other fountains, and through them, all the streams. But to keep this Depository constantly full, requires a larger capital than the Society have yet been able to obtain.

The various Depositories on an average ought to have on hand continually, at least $100 worth of Tracts. This to supply only our present number, would require $7,100. And to keep the General Depository so full as to be able, promptly to supply them, would require Tracts, to the amount of, at least, $7,000 more.

There are now in the Depository Tracts to the amount of $4,400, and yet many of the numbers are nearly, and some entirely out of print. And to furnish the Tracts which are now on hand the Committee have been obliged to incur a debt of more than $2,500.

Thus with only their present number of Depositories, in order to keep the system in the most efficient operation, they need a capital of at least $14,000.

And yet there are many extensive regions of our country, and those too, the most of all destitute of moral and religious instruction, where there are no Depositories, and where Tracts are almost entirely unknown. To supply these regions would require at least 70 Depositories more, and the capital of the Society would need to be proportionably increased.

It will always be embarrassing to the Society, to be in debt for Tracts which it is needful to have on hand, in order to supply Depositories. But if it can obtain a capital equal to that amount, it may then on that scale continue to support itself. It may without additional funds continue to circulate its thousands, and hundreds of thousands of Tracts, annually, to the end of the world.

In addition to establishing Depositories, the Committee have had numerous and pressing applications for Tracts for gratuitous Distribution. Some have been from seamen—Some from missionaries, and many from the destitute parts of our country. But for want of funds the Committee have not been able to supply them. One of these applications, however, is peculiarly worthy of notice. It is from the Rev. Gordon Hall, Missionary at Bombay, in India. "I want," says he, "a complete set of Tracts for my own use, and a large quantity for distribution. It has often occurred to me that perhaps the New England Tract Society, and other Tract Societies in America, might extend their operations to this country, and that it might have a very happy influence both here, and at home. The populous countries of the east, with their various religions, and languages, open an immense field for the operations of Tract Societies, as well as missionary Societies. And should Tract Societies see fit thus to extend their operations, it would form an additional bond of union, binding the Eastern nations still more closely to the hearts of christians in the West, and would I think promise well for the cause of our great Redeemer.

For similar reasons I think that the American Bible Society should extend its operations here, as well as elsewhere, among the heathen, as God shall open the way. Let missionary Societies, Bible Societies, and Tract Societies draw the bonds of christian union still closer; their harmony will thereby be more perfect —their operations more efficient, and the result more glorious. Let them enter into partnership, and all extend the cultivating hand to the same field. Let Missionary Societies send, and support missionaries—Let Bible Societies provide Bibles—and let Tract Societies provide Tracts. Thus each may labour, upon the same spot, without interference and greatly to the encouragement of all."

Thus writes this excellent missionary, after labouring, with unwearied diligence for seven years, in spreading the gospel among the heathen.

And the Committee could not but regret that they were not able to grant him an immediate supply. He needs a quantity of Tracts every time he makes an excursion into the country. And this is the case with every missionary, in every country, who travels among a people, that can read.

And could all missionaries be supplied with a complete assortment, they might probably do as much good by the distribution of Tracts, as by all their other labours.

This is the case especially in India. A strong feeling of doubt and uncertainty exists in a large portion of the natives respecting their own opinions, and practices. Many have come to the conclusion that their system of idolatry is *vain;* although they have not yet courage to renounce it. Many more are halting between two opinions; and all seem to be aware that an important crisis is approaching. This state of things presents a field, peculiarly encouraging for the distribution of Tracts.

And, writes an English missionary from that country, millions of Tracts might be scattered with the prospect of an immense harvest.

Several persons have been to the missionaries, who stated, that they had come two hundred miles on purpose to get a sight of the Tracts.

An immense field is opening also for the distribution of Tracts in Canada, in Louisiana, and in East and West Florida.

And with the blessing of Him who has raised up this Society and hitherto prospered it beyond all human expectations, the Committee cannot but hope that the time is approaching, when they shall be able to supply them.

They hope that the time is approaching when eve-

ry missionary will be supplied, in our country—and as Tracts shall be needed, every missionary who goes from our country to the heathen.

But for this, there must be a great increase of funds. And where, the Committee would ask, where on earth, can funds be employed to greater advantage, than by the New England Tract Society?

There are several considerations which must, when duly examined, give this Society a strong hold upon the hearts of all benevolent persons in our country.

The first is, its *extended operations, the ease and effect with which it may operate upon millions of minds.*

Suppose the Society has 100 Depositories; (only 29 more than it now has,) placed at equal distances throughout our country. Suppose that around each of these Depositories are 20 Tract Societies, and 100 individuals who wish to purchase Tracts.

Suppose the Societies purchase each $20 worth in a year, and the individuals only $2 for their own use and gratuitous distribution. Each Depository will then circulate annually 60,000 Tracts. And the 100 Depositories will circulate annually 6,000,000.

Here then will be six millions of preachers of righteousness annually going forth and beseeching persons of every description, from the little child up to the hoary head of age to turn unto God and live.

The next consideration is, *The immense call for Tracts.*

Some may suppose, that if this Society should circulate 6,000,000 annually, the country would soon be supplied. But the country cannot be considered as supplied till each family has at least, one set of Tracts.

And should the Society continue to circulate 6,000,000 annually, they could not furnish even one set to a family, of what they have already published, in less than 40 years. And as Tracts if used by a whole family, would not last on an average more than 20 years. This rate of circulation would never supply them; even if

the number of families should never increase. But as the number of families is rapidly increasing, and to an extent beyond what 6,000,000 of Tracts in a year, would supply; the number of families which must still be destitute, will continue to increase.

And this calculation regards simply our own country. And yet we are but little more than one to a hundred among the inhabitants of the earth. And all of them are as needy, and vastly the greater portion of them, far more needy than ourselves. The demand then for Tracts will continue to increase; and without vastly greater efforts than have ever yet been made, can never be supplied.

Another consideration is, *The great amount of good which may be accomplished, by small means.*

A man gives to the New England Tract Society $100. This may furnish 30,000 Tracts of 4 pages each, and place them in all the Depositories throughout the country. Thus with $100 he may speak to 30,000 persons. Suppose each of these Tracts goes into a family, and is read by 5 persons. He then speaks to 150,000 persons, and as effectually perhaps as he would were he personally to address them. And if each Tract is lent in the neighbourhood and read by 10 persons more, he speaks to 450,000 persons. A missionary, were he to preach 200 times in a year, and every time, to a congregation of 100 different persons, could not address so many in 22 years. And this is as long as missionaries, on an average, after commencing their labours, can be expected to live.

And how many persons have been more benefitted by reading the Swearer's Prayer, a Tract of 4 pages, than they probably would be, by hearing the best sermon which any missionary could preach upon that subject.

Another consideration is, *The ease and effect, with which this Society may assist all other benevolent Societies.*

A man has $100 which he wishes to devote in such a manner as will most effectually promote the object of Foreign Missions. And he gives it to the New England Tract Society, to print a statement of facts, with respect to the christian and heathen world; which probably would be the best Tract, which could be published upon that subject. This Tract is immediately in 70 Depositories and circulating among thousands of individuals—and among many who would, probably, obtain the information contained in it, in no other way. And by diffusing information, and thus enlightening and exciting the public mind, this $100 might bring in thousands to the Treasury of the Lord.

And if this sum were given annually, such a Tract might be annually printed, and all the copies gratuitously distributed. *And so with every benevolent Society.*

Thus the Tract Society may be made a grand engine of spreading, continually, to every part of the country, *a knowledge of facts;* which must always be the grand spring of every benevolent operation. And considering the ease, constancy, and effect, with which it may circulate information, as well as present divine truth; the Committee cannot but view it as destined, by Immanuel, to bear an important part, in the renovation of the world.

It is related, by the Rev. Dr. Henderson, that during his travels in the Northern part of Europe, he was detained for a time, at Copenhagen; and that while there he employed himself in translating the Tract, entitled, "*The great question answered*;" and that the circulation of this Tract, had been traced as the source of all the Bible Societies in Russia, Sweden, and the neighbouring countries.

And now, in Russia alone, there are no less than 120 Bible Societies extending over that wide spreading empire. They have printed the scriptures in 26 languages; in twelve of which, they were never before

printed. They are now preparing translations in seven other languages. They have also purchased immense quantities of Bibles from abroad, and distributed them in 13 other languages, making a total of 46 languages, in which they have promoted the distribution of the word of God. Who can see this simply in Russia, besides all which has been done for the spread of the Bible in Sweden, and the neighbouring countries, resulting from the circulation of one Tract, and not feel a conviction, that the Tract Society is an important branch, of that wide spreading Tree—whose leaves are for the healing of the nations—whose boughs are extending from sea to sea—under whose shadow all nations will repose—whose top will reach unto heaven, and whose fruit will refresh the universe.

Another consideration connected with this Society, is what has been called, by one of its eloquent advocates, *Its delightful feature of permanency.*

The funds which are given to this Society are never expended. They remain as in bank, to be employed forever in furnishing Tracts. And not only is the interest employed as with permanent stocks in other Societies, but the principal. And yet no part of it is ever expended.

A donation is made, and it prints an edition of Tracts. These are sold at cost, and the avails furnish another edition, and the avails of that another, and so on as long as Tracts shall be needed.

Now only apply this principle of *permanency* to the donation of the man who gives $100. He may not only furnish 30,000 Tracts, and if they are read each, by a family of five, speak to 150,000 persons—and if they are read each, by ten other persons, in the neighbourhood, speak to 450,000 persons; but when these Tracts are circulated, the avails may print another edition, and the avails of that another, and so on to the end of the world. In what way then can $100 dollars do more good, or be the means of bringing more persons to glory.

Another consideration is, *The Tract System is one which God approves.*

A Clergyman in a neighbouring state, assured the Agent of this Society, that during a revival of religion, in his parish, the Tracts which he distributed seemed to have as much effect as all his other labours. And he remarked that he seldom made inquiry in any town, or even of any person, without hearing of some new instances of conversion, through the instrumentality of Tracts.

Am I asked, writes another gentleman, of distinguished piety and beneficence, What hath God wrought by means of Tracts? I answer, to my certain knowledge, God hath wrought wonders. A leaf of a Tract was picked up by a man, in this town, which proved effectual in bringing him to throw down the weapons of his rebellion, and enlist himself under the banner of the Lord of Hosts. And this is not a solitary instance. I do know, and can testify, that *many others* have found Jesus Christ to be precious to their souls, by the same means. And a man to whom he had given Bibles and Tracts, in a distant place, writes to him, The Bibles and Tracts which you left, have been blessed of God in leading poor sinners to inquire, what they should do to be saved. About thirty of these persons, together with the gentleman who wrote the letter, and his wife had all become, in the judgment of charity, heirs of salvation.

It is with peculiar pleasure, says the Secretary of a Tract Society, that I bear testimony to the efficacy of distributing Tracts. It appears to me to be one of the most useful means of doing good to the souls of men. He then mentions more than forty cases of great good which had been connected with the reading of Tracts.

The Committee might also relate four cases of hopeful conversion, from the reading of the Tract entitled *Sixteen Short Sermons.* And in one case a revival of religion commenced, in a meeting where this Tract was

read, which issued in the hopeful conversion of more than forty persons.

They might relate thirteen cases of hopeful conversion from the reading of the *Dairyman's Daughter*—and twelve from the reading of the *Swearer's Prayer.* And yet but very few cases of saving benefit, compared with the whole, have probably, or ever will, in this world, come to their knowledge. But there is a world where they will all be known; and where the persons, and those who have been instrumental in their salvation, will look back with wonder and with holy transport, on the means by which they were brought to glory.

One single Tract, printed by this Society, was read at a meeting, in a town in this Commonwealth, and was the means of powerfully impressing the minds of no less than eight persons. Their impressions resulted in hopeful conversion. They have all since publicly professed the religion of Jesus Christ.

Another of the Society's Tracts in a town in a neighbouring state, was hopefully the means of the conversion of four persons in one family. And, said the Father to the man who gave him the Tract, "I can never pay you. Take all the property, and every thing I have, it shall all go before I will part with that Tract. It was my salvation—it was my all. And you have not only sent salvation to my soul, but my wife, seeing my distress, was soon awakened to a sense of her duty, and my second son, and eldest daughter are now joyful companions with us in consequence of your giving me that little Tract."

If two of our Tracts have been connected with the hopeful conversion of twelve persons, which have come to our knowledge, what may we not hope, with the blessing of Heaven, from the 400,000 which have issued from our Depository the past year—and from the millions which have issued in seven years—and from the

millions and millions, which will continue to issue to all future generations?

Who can contemplate these six considerations connected with this Society, viz. the ease and effect with which it may speak at the same time to millions—the immense call for Tracts, the great amount of good which may be done by small means, the ease and effect with which it may assist all other Benevolent Societies—Its permanency, its adaptedness, with present means, for perpetual operation. And above all, who can witness the approbation of God which it has already received; see one Tract instrumental in the hopeful conversion of four persons, and more indirectly in the conversion of forty—another, in the conversion of eight--another of twelve--and another of thirteen—and many of these persons who were *out of the way of all other means of grace.*

Who can see a Tract put in operation all the Bible Societies in Russia, Sweden, and the neighbouring countries, and not expect when he stands on Mount Zion, to see the multitude which no man can number, vastly augmented through the instrumentality of Tracts? And who, with a conviction that he had been instrumental in their salvation, would not join, with ineffable delight, in their anthems of glory unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, and his Father, to him be glory, and dominion, forever and ever.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Treasury of the New England Tract Society from May 1, 1820, *to May* 1, 1821.

Amount due from the Society May 1, 1820,	$3219 06
Expenses for Paper, Printing Tracts, &c. from May 1, 1820, to May 1, 1821,	5089 90
	$8308 96
Cash received from May 1, 1820, to May 1, 1821, in donations and of the general agents for Tracts sold,	5617 48
Balance due from the Society, May 1, 1821, carried to new account,	2691 48
	$8308 96

Errors excepted.

AMOS BLANCHARD, Treasurer.

Andover, May 1, 1821.

The subscriber, appointed by the New England Tract Society to audit the accounts of their Treasurer, has examined the accounts of which the above is the Balance trial, and finds the same well vouched and rightly cast.

SAMUEL FARRAR, Auditor.

N. B. The amount of money stated in the 2d page of this report, as received by the Treasurer, since the commencement of Mr. Dwight's agency, does not include the expenses of his agency; nor the monies raised by the Societies which he formed; nor the subscription, made to him, and not yet paid; nor the donations and subscriptions obtained by him during his present tour in the Southern States.

AMOS BLANCHARD, *Treas.*

APPENDIX.

Officers of the New England Tract Society, elected May, 1821.

HON. WILLIAM REED, *President.*
REV. SAMUEL WORCESTER, *Vice Pres't.*
REV. JUSTIN EDWARDS, *Cor. Secretary.*
REV. RICHARD S. STORRS, *Rec. Sec'y.*
AMOS BLANCHARD, ESQ. *Treasurer.*

Executive Committee.

REV. JOHN H. CHURCH.
REV. JUSTIN EDWARDS.
REV. JOHN CODMAN.
REV. WARREN FAY.
AMOS BLANCHARD, ESQ.

RESOLUTIONS

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

1. That the object of the New England Tract Society has the cordial approbation of this meeting.

2. That a Society be formed, to be called the Auxiliary Tract Society of —— for the purpose of promot-

ing the circulation of moral and religious Tracts in this vicinity, and of aiding the New England Tract Society in the extensive distribution of Tracts through the most destitute parts of the United States, and of the continent of America.

3. That one third [or one fourth] of the funds of this Society, be annually transmitted to the Treasurer of the New England Tract Society, to aid the Executive Committee in the gratuitous circulation of Tracts in destitute places.

4. That one fourth of the annual subscriptions, together with the whole of the donations, be at the disposal of the Committee of the Auxiliary Society, to purchase Tracts for local distribution, and to apply the surplus, (if any,) in aid of the New England Tract Society.

5. That each subscriber of —— per week, or —— a year, be a member.

6. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a Committee, consisting of —— members, together with the Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be annually chosen.

7. That the Society appoint a Depositary of their Tracts, and a Collector.

8. That the members be requested to communicate such instances of usefulness as may have come within their knowledge; the most interesting of which shall be annually communicated to the Executive Committee of the New England Tract Society.

DEPOSITARIES.

FLAGG & GOULD, GENERAL AGENTS, *Andover, Mass. to whom all orders for Tracts are to be directed.*

Lincoln & Edmands,	*Boston, Mass.*
Henry Whipple,	*Salem, Mass.*
Israel Trask,	*Beverly, Mass.*
Charles Whipple,	*Newburyport, Mass.*
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